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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will hold a one and a half day meeting of its Standing, *Reef Fish*, *Shrimp*, Coastal Migratory *Pelagics* Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSC).

**DATES:** The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, and end at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Gulf Council's Conference Room, and via Webinar. You may attend the meeting via Webinar by registering at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/816513104821884417>

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Agenda**

*Tuesday, September 20, 2016*

- I. Introductions and Adoption of Agenda
- II. Election of Chair and Vice-chair
- III. Approval of minutes
  - a. January 6-8, 2015 Standing, *Reef Fish*, and *Mackerel* SSC meeting
  - b. June 1, 2016 Standing, *Shrimp*, and Socioeconomic SSC meeting
  - c. Standing *Reef Fish* socioeconomic *Shrimp* and Spiny *Lobster* SSC meeting June 2016-verbatim minutes
  - d. August 2, 2016 Standing and *Reef Fish* SSC Webinar
- IV. Selection of SSC representative at October 17-20, 2016 Council meeting

Standing and *Mackerel* SSC Session

- V. Updated OFL and ABC yield streams for Gulf migratory group *king mackerel* for 2017/2018 to 2019/2020 fishing seasons

**Standing and Reef Fish SSC Session #1**

- VI. Goliath *Grouper* benchmark assessment
- VII. Evaluation of candidate species for future data-poor assessments

*Wednesday, September 21, 2016*

Standing and *Shrimp* SSC Session

- VIII. Risk assessment for threshold permit numbers relative to sea turtle incidental take constraints

Standing and *Reef Fish* SSC Session #2

- a. Decision tools for gray *triggerfish*
- b. Commercial seasons and trip limits

- c. Recreational seasons, size limits, bag limits, and effort shifting
  - IX. Evaluation of recreational *red snapper* split seasons
  - X. Review of updated SEDAR schedule
  - XI. Discussion on limit and target reference points and MSY proxies for *reef fish*
    - a. Discussion of limit and target reference points
    - b. Discussion of components of risk and uncertainty associated with the choice and estimation of reference points
    - c. Discussion of the components of risk and uncertainty associated with choosing MSY proxies
      - i. General discussion
      - ii. Discussion specific to *red snapper*
    - d. Ad Hoc Working Group on MSY proxies
      - i. Charge to the working group
      - ii. Recommendations for working group participants
  - XII. Review of ABC Control Rule Alternatives
    - a. Current ABC control rule
    - b. Modified from the method described in Martel and Froese (2012)
    - c. Fixed proportion of  $F_{MSY}$  or MSY
    - d. Bucket method for setting  $P^*$
  - XIII. Dates for next SSC meeting
  - XIV. Other Business
- Meeting Adjourns –

You may register for SSC Meeting: Standing, *Reef Fish*, *Mackerel*, and *Shrimp* on September 20 and 21, 2016 at:

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The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on the Council's file server. To access the file server, the URL is <https://public.gulfcouncil.org:5001/webman/index.cgi>, or go to the Council's website and click on the FTP link in the lower left of the Council website (<http://www.gulfcouncil.org>). The username and password are both "gulfguest". Click on the "Library Folder," then scroll down to "SSC meeting-2016-09."

The meeting will be Webcast over the internet. A link to the Webcast will be available on the Council's website, at <http://www.gulfcouncil.org>.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Scientific and Statistical Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Scientific and Statistical Committee will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

### **Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kathy Pereira, at the Gulf Council Office (see **ADDRESSES**), at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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